

I believe BPL is a terrible idea. The power companies can't even get power distributed without major outages, they should worry about that before doing something that the phone companies already do much better, as do satellite companies. Despite their belief that this is needed technology, out here in the "rural" areas we have many options already for broadband, and don't really need such a long shot that will also kill so many avenues of communications for the public and government. As a ham radio operator for public service as well as enjoyment, this is a very bad idea - as a RACES/ARES member, how are we going to be able to come through in emergencies as we have so many times in the past if the spectrum is clobbered with all this unnecessary noise and interference. "Interference mitigation" is just a band-aid on a communications hemorrhage.. let's not allow the main interference in the first place. It's just not necessary to put so much at risk so one more group of companies can try to split off a piece of the broadband pie. Phone, cable, and satellite companies will cover us all fine. Let the power companies figure out their distribution problems first and stick to their basic business before taking the radio spectrum down while trying to eke a profit out of something others already do so much better.